



Mayor's Health Reform Implementation Committee

Public Meeting

August 19, 2010

Benning Neighborhood Library

3935 Benning Rd., NE

Government of the District of Columbia

Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review the HRIC's Charge and Responsibilities
3. Proposed HRIC Subcommittees
4. Overview of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)
5. PPACA Implementation in the District of Columbia – Accomplishments to Date
6. Public Comment Period
7. Adjournment

Establishment of the Committee

- Mayor's Order 2010-97 (May 28, 2010) formally established the Committee effective through January 31, 2014
- Purpose: advise the Mayor on implementation of federal health reform and coordination of health reform in D.C.

Committee Membership

- Appointed Members:
 - **Julie Hudman, PhD, Co-Chair**, Director, Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF)
 - **Gennet Purcell, Esq., Co-Chair**, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB)
 - **Clarence Carter**, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - **Pierre Vigilance, MD, MPH**, Director, Department of Health (DOH)

Subcommittees

- The Committee may establish subcommittees comprising Committee members and non-members
- Each subcommittee must be chaired by a Committee member
- Proposed Subcommittees:
 - Consumer Outreach
 - Health Insurance Exchange
 - Insurance Regulations
 - Medicaid Expansions
 - Delivery System Reform

Committee Meeting Schedule

- Full Committee Schedule

- Inter-agency working group meeting (monthly)
- Public meeting (monthly)

- Subcommittee Schedule

- As determined by subcommittees

The Act

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) focuses on four main areas:
 - Insurance Reform
 - Expanding Insurance Coverage
 - Establish Health Insurance Exchanges
 - Improve Health Care Delivery and Expand Workforce through Federal Grants

Insurance Coverage in D.C., 2009

Type of Coverage	Percent of D.C. Residents
Employer Coverage	55.0%
Public Coverage	32.8%
Other Coverage ¹	6.0%
Uninsured	6.2%

Type of Public Coverage (July 2010)	Covered Lives
Medicaid	188,220
Alliance	29,280
Subtotal:	217,500
Medicare ²	77,410
Total Public:	294,910

“2009 DC Health Insurance Survey.” Urban Institute (April 2010)

¹Other coverage includes individually purchased insurance, coverage through programs supporting the military or veterans or coverage through student health plans

²www.StateHealthFacts.org (Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation)

Achievements in Expanding Coverage

- Medicaid State Plan Amendment (133% FPL)
 - 32,000 residents were successfully converted from Alliance to Medicaid on July 1, 2010 through extensive efforts of DHS and DHCF
- Medicaid 1115 Waiver (>133% - 200% FPL)
 - DHCF has submitted a waiver application to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to convert an additional 4,000 residents to Medicaid.
- Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP)
 - PCIP operated by the federal vendor GEHA will begin in early Fall.

Achievements in Insurance Reform

- New insurance legislation/rules developed by DISB
 - Limits on rescissions and elimination of cost sharing on preventive services, annual or lifetime benefit maximums, pre-existing condition exclusions for children
 - Coverage for dependent children up to age 26
 - Establish medical-loss ratio guidelines
- Health Insurance Premium Review Grant
 - DISB awarded \$1M to enhance and strengthen the insurance premium review and approval process

Achievements in Improving the Delivery System

- Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation Assessment Grant (\$600,000) – grant awarded to DOH
- Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes (Approximately \$1.6 million) – application submitted by DOH
- Background Checks for Employees of Long-Term Care Facilities (\$1.5 to 3 million) – application submitted by DOH

Consumer Outreach and Assistance

- healthreform.dc.gov
- Established to provide D.C. residents with:
 - Up-to-date information on national and local health care reform
 - Insurance options in D.C.
 - Links to resources
 - Reports and data
- DISB and DHCF will be applying for the Ombudsman grant

Public Comment and Questions